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*Laos: (The 5 September attack on a US-chartered resupply plane may impede Premier Souvanna's efforts to establish a semblance of unity within his coalition government.)

(Souvanna has been attempting to achieve such unity before he leaves next week for an extended trip abroad.)

(The aircraft was hit by enemy fire while on a rice-drop mission over southern Laos and is presumed lost. It was attacked near Tchepone, a key Pathet Lao logistical center for operations in southern Laos. The plane's last message indicated that one engine was aflame and that it was returning to its home field at Savannakhet.)

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(This would be the first US-chartered plane lost to enemy fire since last January. Since then, however, there have been many reports of ground fire against aircraft flying over Pathet Lao - held territory.)

(The Pathet Lao repeatedly have protested these flights. They claim that such flights do not have the approval of the tripartite government and that they constitute intervention in Laotian internal affairs. Pathet Lao leader Souphannouvong has threatened in the past that any US aircraft that overflew "his" territory would be shot down.)

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Communist China - Cuba: The Chinese Communists are publicizing a recent article by Che Guevara in a continuing effort to show that the Castro regime is supporting the militant Chinese position on the "national liberation struggle."

A 4 September Peiping broadcast quoted extensively from the article by Guevara in this month's issue of Cuba Socialista, the Castro regime's official ideological journal.

Guevara's article appears to be a reaffirmation of the "Second Declaration of Havana," the statement issued by Castro in February 1962 urging Latin Americans to throw off the "imperialist yoke." The declaration had been criticized by Moscow-oriented Communists, and presumably also by Moscow, for its failure to stress the possibilities of a peaceful movement toward Communism in Latin America..

As quoted by the Chinese, Guevara emphasized the need for a united struggle by the peoples of all of Latin America since victory in a single isolated country would be difficult. He then quoted from an old Castro speech: "The Andes Mountains will become the Sierra Maestra of the Americas and the vast expanses of land in the whole of Latin America will be turned into a stage for head-on struggles against imperialist power."

The Guevara article appears to complicate the Cuban position in the Sino-Soviet dispute, already confused by Castro's militant 26 July speech and apparent Cuban unwillingness to sign the test-ban treaty.

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Japan - Communist China: The Sino-Soviet split has evidently reinforced Japanese official opinion that Tokyo should continue gradually to develop its contacts with Peiping.

Apparently anticipating that the Sino-Soviet rift might lead the Western powers, especially the US, to give the USSR tacit assistance in further isolating the Chinese, the Japanese Foreign Ministry has prepared a study of the effects of the rift and of the nuclear test-ban treaty.

The study concludes that Japan should keep the door open for unofficial contacts with the Chinese and develop trade relations on a modest scale. It argues that such a course might permit Japan to influence Chinese policies now that the Soviets are withdrawing.

The latest trade deal between Japan and Communist China was concluded on 23 August, when Tokyo approved the sale of a \$20 million vinylon fiber plant, with payments to be made over a five-year period.

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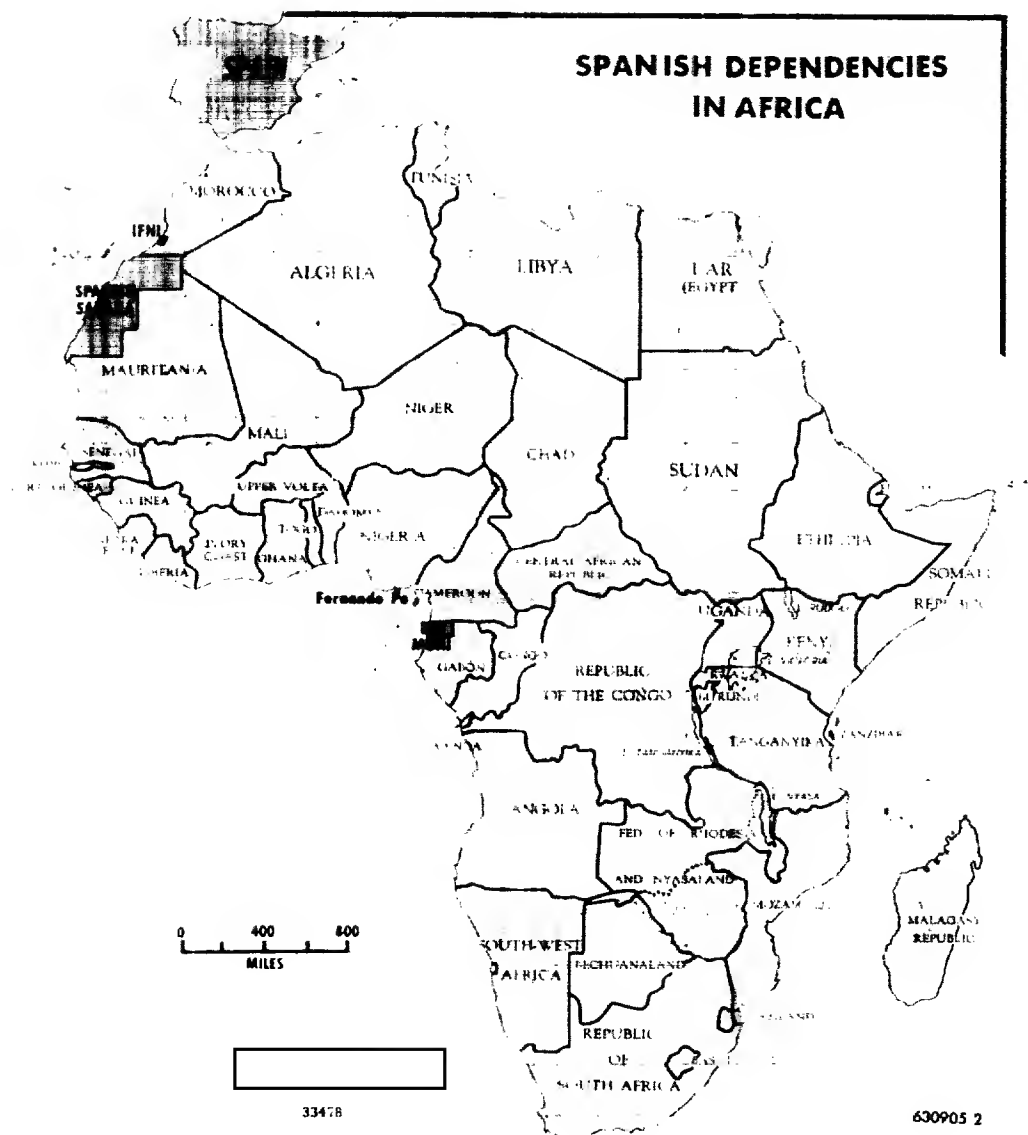
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Canada: (External Affairs Minister Martin is considering revising Canada's position on Communist China, according to one of his key aides. Martin, who believes that Peiping's isolation from the world community is a "bad thing," feels that now is the time for Canada to assume the role of "honest broker" and to come forward with some sort of conciliatory gesture toward the Chinese. He and Prime Minister Pearson are also reported to be toying with the notion that Canada should seize the initiative in promoting a new, comprehensive disarmament treaty.)

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Spain: (The government is on the verge of approving a plan that will grant Spain's two small African territories, Rio Muni and Fernando Poo, administrative autonomy on 1 January. This plan, which representatives of the two territories were told is due for cabinet ratification today, is aimed at heading off attacks on Spanish colonialism in the United Nations. The territories were also notified that Madrid intends to hold a referendum in the territories on the autonomy issue and that if the vote goes against the Spanish proposal for autonomy, Spain will grant them immediate independence and cut them off from further assistance.)

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*Brazil: The general strike which has paralyzed the city of Santos since 2 September continues unsettled. Unless agreement is reached soon, there is danger that the strike could spread beyond Sao Paulo state. All local security forces reportedly are on alert and Second Army commander Peri Bevilacqua is believed preparing to give Governor Adhemar de Barros full support against the strikers.

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